BEFORE THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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| In the Matter of Application Nos. 53987-53992, |) | WITHDRAWAL OF PROTESTS |
| inclusive, filed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority to Appropriate the Underground Waters | .) |) BY BUREAU OF INDIAN) AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF LAND |
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| of Cave Valley, Dry Lake Valley and Delamar | Ś | MANAGEMENT, NATIONAL |
| Valley Hydrographic Basins (180, 181, 182) | . . | PARK SERVICE, AND U.S. FISH |
| Lincoln County, Nevada |) | AND WILDLIFE SERVICE |
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The United States Department of the Interior, for and on behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) hereby withdraws its protests to the captioned applications. This withdrawal of protests is based on the "Stipulation for Withdrawal of Protests" between the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the BIA, BLM, NPS and FWS ("DOI Bureaus") entered into on January 7, 2008, and submitted to the State Engineer on January 24, 2008.

Dated: February 4, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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DATE: 2-4-08